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of

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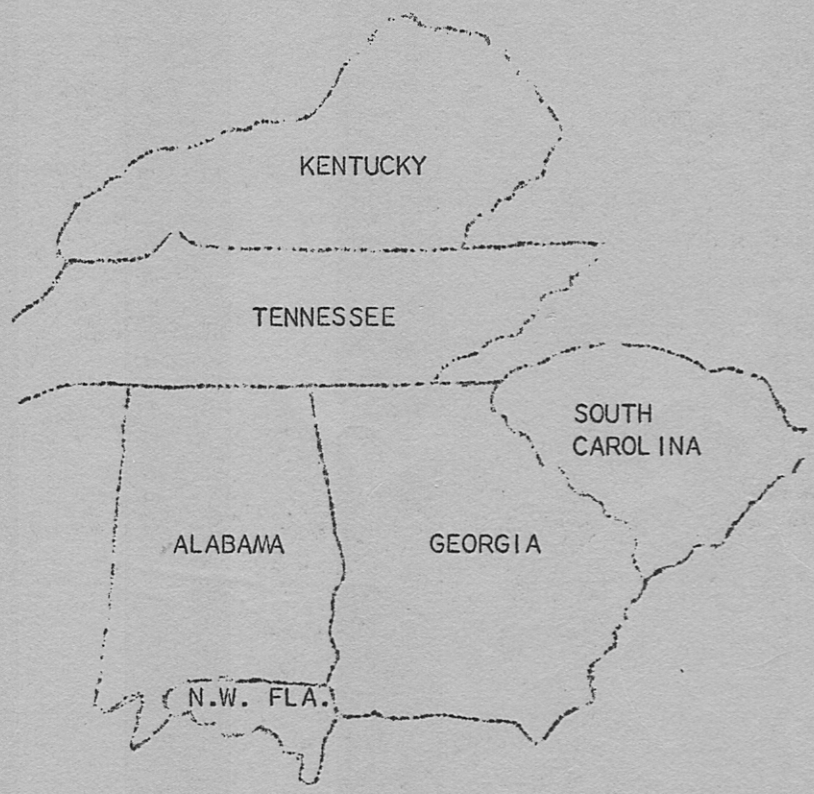

M I N U T E S

of the

THIRTEENTH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONVENTION

April 24 - 25, 1965

and of its

AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

with

D I R E C T O R Y

of

CONVENTION COMMITTEES, OFFICERS

and

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Central Congregational Church
Atlanta, Georgia

April 24-25, 1965

The Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc., an Acting Conference of the United Church of Christ, was held on April 24th - 25th, 1965, at Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

The sessions were called to order at 10:30 a. m. on Saturday, April 24th, by the Moderator, Rev. Harold C. Henderson. The Morning Devotions were led by Rev. Wendell E. Hines, pastor of the Brookmeade United Church, Nashville, Tennessee, who served as chaplain for the sessions.

Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, pastor of the host church, greeted the delegates and visitors and welcomed them to Atlanta and to Central Church. Appropriate response was made by the Moderator in behalf of the convention.

The following fraternal delegates were recognized:

From the Georgia-South Carolina Conference of the Convention of the South

Rev. Joseph E. Boone, Atlanta, Georgia
Mrs. A. C. Curtwright, Savannah, Georgia
Rev. John T. Enwright, Charleston, South Carolina
Mr. Robert Hadley, Thomasville, Georgia
Mr. Harold H. Thomas, Atlanta, Georgia

From the Alabama-Mississippi Conference of the Convention of the South

Rev. Harold D. Long, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. Everett W. MacNair, Talladega, Alabama
Mr. C. C. Randle, Tougaloo, Mississippi
Miss Gladys Varner, Birmingham, Alabama

From the Tennessee-Kentucky Conference of the Convention of the South

Rev. Benjamin E. Lewis, Sweetwater, Tennessee
Rev. John Charles Mickle, Memphis, Tennessee

From the Alabama-Tennessee Region of the Evangelical and Reformed Churches

St. John's Church, Birmingham, Alabama
Rev. George C. Hewson
Mr. Joe L. Hofer

St. John's Church, Cullman, Alabama
Mr. Hubert Richter
Rev. Harold A. Schulz

First Church, Belvidere, Tennessee
Mr. John S. Fandrich
Mr. and Mrs. Herman G. Liechty

First Church, Nashville, Tennessee
Mrs. E. C. Cookerham
Mrs. G. B. Harris, Jr.
Rev. John J. Roemer

Also present were:

Dr. Ben M. Herbster, President of the United Church of Christ;
Rev. George Nishimoto, Secretary for Church Vocations of the Council for Church and Ministry of the United Church of Christ;
Mrs. F. C. Lester, Southern Regional Secretary for the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church of Christ;
Mr. E. Dale Peak, member of the Council for Lay Life and Work and Chairman for the Churchmen's Fellowship of the United Church of Christ.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the fraternal delegates be given the privilege of the floor.

(The Rev. J. Taylor Stanley, Superintendent of the Convention of the South was present for a part of the afternoon sessions but had to leave for another engagement before he could be recognized).

Mrs. A. D. Harry, Recording Secretary, reported that the minutes of the 1964 Annual Meeting had been mimeographed and circulated among the churches and ministers and that no additions or corrections had been reported to the Board of Directors.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the Minutes of the 1964 Annual Meeting be approved as circulated.

The Suggested Rules for Proceedings of the Annual Meeting as recommended by the Board of Directors were presented.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the Suggested Rules for Proceedings of the Annual Meeting be adopted.

The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Business Committee
Mrs. A. D. Harry
Rev. Albert L. Henry
Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Chairman

Credentials Committee
Rev. Charles W. Bell
Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht
Mr. John Heaman, Chairman

Resolutions Committee
Miss Ellen Hull
Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Dr. Walter A. Graham
Rev. Carolyn P. Welch
Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman

Parliamentarians
Mrs. David J. Edwards, Jr.
Captain Franklin G. Arnold

Place Committee:
Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn
Miss Dora C. Brackin
Rev. Annie R. Campbell, Chairman

Memorial
Dr. Fred P. Ensminger

Mr. W. J. Strickland, Treasurer, presented the Financial Statement for 1964.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the Financial Statement for 1964 be received and referred to the auditor, with appreciation to the Treasurer for his fine service.

The Moderator-Elect, Rufus G. Obrecht, took the chair and presented the Moderator who gave his report on the activities of the year.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the report of the Moderator be received with appreciation.

The following committee reports were presented and adopted. The reports are attached to these minutes.

Committee on Christian Education:	Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman
Committee on Church and Ministry:	Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
Committee on Evangelism:	Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman
Committee on Survey and Church Aid:	Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman

The Superintendent, Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., spoke briefly concerning subscriptions to The United Church Herald and The Southeast News.

Rev. W. Raymond Berry introduced Rev. George Nishimoto, Secretary for Church Vocations of the United Church, who addressed the convention on the challenge of the church's ministry and the need for young people to be attracted to church vocations. An interesting and stimulating address was followed by an active question and answer period.

The convention then recessed and a delicious lunch was served by the ladies of Central Church.

The Moderator called the convention back into session at 1:30 p. m. Rev. Wendell E. Hines led the Afternoon Devotions.

The report of the Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education was presented by the Chairman, Rev. Charles W. Bell.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the report be adopted. (Report attached).

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by the Chairman, Rev. L. Floyd Carmack.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the report of the Nominating Committee be received. (Report attached).

Dr. Walter A. Graham, President of Southern Union College, spoke briefly of the college and of the events of its first year of operation as an institution of the educational system of the State of Alabama. He reminded the churches that funds still are needed for scholarships and extra-curricular activities of the student body.

Rev. Arnold Slater, a member of the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ, introduced Rev. Dr. Ben M. Herbster, President of the United Church of Christ. Dr. Herbster addressed the delegates and visitors on the subject of the United Church, the progress it has made and the hopes and challenges of the future.

Following the singing of a hymn Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. made his annual report. In addition to referring to the printed statistical report, he affirmed again his conviction that the plan to form a United Church Conference should be approved and expressed his hope that the delegates would so vote at this annual meeting.

Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman of the Committee on Re-Organization and Re-Alignment, presented the Proposed Agreement for the Formation of a United Church Conference.

Following a brief period of discussion it was

MOVED AND VOTED: That debate be closed and the convention proceed to vote on the pending question. (As required by parliamentary law, the vote carried by more than a two-thirds majority).

it was then moved that the vote to close debate be reconsidered. The motion was put to a vote but failed to carry.

It was moved that the vote on the main question be by secret ballot. The motion was put to a vote but failed to carry.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the vote be taken by a roll call of the churches and ministers.

VOTING YES:

Andalusia, First (1); Birmingham, Pilgrim (5); East Tallassee (1); Headland, Blackwood (1); Huntsville, United (3); Lanett, Congregational Christian (5); Langdale, Congregational Christian (4); Midland City, Christian Hill (1); Montgomery, United (3); Roanoke, Lowell (4); Atlanta, Central (6); Columbus, First (3); Demorest, Federated (3); Pearson, Union Hill (1); Evarts, First (3); Charleston, Circular (1); Chattanooga, Pilgrim (5); Crossville, First (2); Daisy, Congregational Christian (1); Deer Lodge, Congregational (3); Glen Mary, Congregational (3); Nashville, Brookmeade (3); Pleasant Hill, Community (3); Robbins, Barton Chapel (3); Soddy, First (3)

Members (Lay) of the Board of Directors: Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.; Mr. Millard Fuller; Dr. Walter A. Graham; Mrs. A. D. Harry; Mr. W. Pressley Ingram; Mr. John Heaman; Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht; Mrs. Arnold Slater

Ministers: William R. Barnhart; Charles W. Bell; Simon A. Bennett; W. Raymond Berry; Warren A. Blankenhorn; Edward M. Brown; Annie R. Campbell; L. Floyd Carmack; Otto L. Culpepper; Jesse H. Dollar; Edward A. Driscoll; Fred P. Ensminger; W. Walter Hall; Robert W. Hendrix; Albert L. Henry; Wendell E. Hines; Thomas Isbell; Karlton C. Johnson; Nelson A. Kittle; Edward B. Knight; R. Hugh Lasseter; James H. Lightbourne, Jr.; Nathaniel A. Long; William M. McCullars; Frederick A. Meyer; H. Yancey Sears; Arnold Slater; James E. Spicer; W. Millard Stevens; Bill J. Traylor; David E. Vanderburgh; Carolyn P. Welch; John C. Wiley; William R. Winterbottom; J. Kermit Harris; Warner D. Noles; Kenneth R. Whittemore

VOTING NO:

Andalusia, Antioch (1); Five Points, State Line (2); Hackleburg, Fairview (1); Hanceville, Mt. Grove (3); Headland, Blackwood (1); LaFayette, Pleasant Grove (3); Lanett, Congregational Christian (1); Langdale, Congregational Christian (1); Mt. Creek, Union (3); Roanoke, Antioch (2); Roanoke, Bethany (3); Roanoke, First (3); Roanoke, Mt. Zion (3); Roanoke, New Hope (3); Roanoke, Rock Stand (3); Shawmut, Todd (3); Tallassee, Mt. Olive (3); Wadley, Beulah (2); Wadley, Corinth (3); Wedowee, Noon Day (3); Atlanta, Center (3); Buford, Duncan's Creek (3); Crest, Hebron (3); Douglas, First (3); Hampton, County Line (3); LaGrange, Hillside (3); LaGrange, United (5); Pearson, Union Hill (1); Richland, First (2); Waycross, Williams Chapel (4); West Point, Bethel (3); Daisy, Congregational Christian (2)

Members (Lay) of the Board of Directors: Mr. Fred D. Powell, Mr. Warren L. Smith

Ministers: R. Henry Abbott; Joseph H. Brown; Warner C. Carpenter; Roy L. Chatham; E. G. Clark; James T. McAdams; George Graham Norris; Charles V. Rary; Olin E. Sheppard; George Roy Walker; I Roger Whitley; Ralph D. Worley; Bobby R. Aderholt; Leslie Brown; John W. Wilder.

ABSTAIN: Guy L. Colbert; A. R. Van Cleave

RECAPITULATION:	YES	NO	ABSTAIN
Church Delegates	71	82	0
Lay Members, Board of Directors	8	2	0
Ministers	37	15	2
	116	99	2

The Moderator announced that the Agreement to Form a United Church Conference was approved by a vote of 116 to 99.

During the afternoon session Miss Marguerite Davison, former Director of Christian Education for the convention, and now retired and living in Demorest, Georgia, was recognized. Also recognized were Dr. Fred P. Ensminger, former Superintendent of the convention, and Dr. Simon A. Bennett, former Superintendent of the Indiana Congregational Christian Conference. Both Dr. Ensminger and Dr. Bennett have served Southern Union College -- Dr. Ensminger as Professor and President, and Dr. Bennett as Professor. Both are now retired but are ministerial members of the convention.

The Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and By-Laws were presented by the Superintendent.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the amendments to the constitution and by-laws be adopted. The Constitution and By-Laws printed with these minutes reflect these amendments.

The convention then recessed until 9:00 a. m. Sunday morning, April 25th.

The annual Lay Life and Work Banquet, sponsored jointly by the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship, was held at Central Congregational Church at 7:00 p. m. The banquet was prepared and served by the ladies of Central Church, assisted by members of the Junior and Senior Pilgrim Fellowships.

E. Dale Peak, of Holladay, Utah, a member of the Board of Directors of the United Church Council for Lay Life and Work and Chairman of the Churchmen's Fellowship, was the guest speaker for the occasion. Mrs. F. C. Lester, Regional Secretary for Lay Life and Work, also was present and spoke briefly to the group.

Following the banquet and the program separate business sessions were held by the two organizations.

The convention was called to order at 9:00 a. m. on Sunday, April 25th, by the Moderator, Rev. Harold C. Henderson.

Following the invocation the following fellowship reports were made:

Women's Fellowship:	Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr., President
Churchmen's Fellowship:	Mr. Millard Fuller, President
Pilgrim Fellowship:	Mr. Jimmy Lightbourne, President

MOVED AND VOTED: That the reports of the fellowships be received. (Reports attached).

The report of the activities of the Congregational Christian Foundation was given by the Chairman, Rev. Arnold Slater. In connection with the report it was pointed out that plans are under way to develop further a Ministerial Scholarship Fund at the convention level to be administered by the Committee on Church and Ministry.

MOVED AND VOTED: That the report of the Congregational Christian Foundation be received. (Report attached).

The election of officers was the next item of business. There were no nominations from the floor. Therefore, it was:

MOVED AND VOTED: That nominations be closed and the secretary be instructed to cast a unanimous ballot electing the officers, committees and delegates to the positions for which they were nominated.

The secretary cast the unanimous ballot.

On recommendation of the Committee on Place it was:

MOVED AND VOTED: That the place of the April 23 - 24, 1966 annual meeting of the Southeast Convention be determined by the Board of Directors.

The Report of the Resolutions Committee was made by Rev. Arnold Slater. It was requested that the resolutions be voted on separately. Resolutions #1, #2, #3, and #5 were adopted unanimously. Resolution #4 was adopted but negative votes were recorded.

The Memorial Silence and Prayer were conducted by Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr.

IT WAS MOVED AND VOTED that the 1965 annual sessions of the Southeast Convention stand adjourned following the 11:00 o'clock Service of Worship.

The annual meeting of the Church Builders Club was held from 10:15 to 10:45 a. m.

The Service of Wroship was conducted by Rev. Frederick A. Meyer. The sermon was delivered by Dr. Ben M. Herbster. Rev. Harold C. Henderson shared in the Communion Service. Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. conducted the Service of Installation for the new officers and chairmen for the convention and its auxiliary organizations. Rev. Calvin Maas, assistant pastor of Central Congregational Church, also participated in the service.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. D. Harry, Recording Secretary

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REPORT OF THE RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

To: The Delegates of the Southeast Convention Meeting in Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, April 24-25, 1965, we wish to present the following resolutions:

1. We express sincere appreciation for the presence and inspiring messages of the convention guests, Dr. Ben M. Herbster, President of the United Church of Christ; Rev. George Nishimoto, Church Vocations Secretary; E. Dale Peak, Chairman, Churchmen's Fellowship; and Mrs. F. C. Lester, Regional Director of Lay Life and Work.

2. We thank the Moderator, the Rev. Harold C. Henderson, for presiding over the sessions with patience and in a spirit of good will.

Report of the Resolutions Committee -- Continued:

3. We acknowledge and appreciate the gracious hospitality of Rev. Frederick A. Meyer and the members of Central Congregational Church.

4. We rejoice in the affirmative vote of the convention in accepting the report of the Committee on Realignment and anticipate the early formulation of a new Southeast Conference of the United Church of Christ.

5. That we, mindful of the excellent leadership provided by Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr., wish to recommend that he be invited to be the minister of the Southeast Conference when it is duly and properly organized.

Submitted by:

Rev. Carolyn P. Welch
Miss Ellen Hull
Rev. Guy L. Colbert
Dr. Walter A. Graham
Rev. Arnold Slater, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Some statistical information about the number of churches, members and ministers in the convention is included in the reports of the Committees on the Church and Ministry and on Evangelism. There are, however, other items which are deserving of attention.

The convention reported a total of 105 churches to the Year Book Department as of December 31, 1964. Four of the churches are inactive.

As of December 31, 1964, there were 75 pastors serving 90 churches. 11 churches were without pastors and, of course, 4 were inactive.

The churches reported $381,327.00 for regular current opersting expenses and $89,440.00 for capital payments and improvements. The total spent locally is $470,767.00.

$32,118.00 was contributed to Our Christian World Mission. The total benevolent giving was $40,515.00. This is not a record of which to be proud. The OCWM contributions were less than 10% of the regular current expenses. The total benevolent giving was less than 10% of the total local expenses.

As a matter of fact, only 60 churches in the convention contributed to Our Christian World Mission. This means that 45 churches did not share in our Program of Progress and in the support of our national boards and agencies.

Of the churches in the convention, 70 have standing in the United Church of Christ. 15 congregations have voted not to be a part of the United Church of Christ. 20 churches have abstained from making a final decision on whether to join the United Church.

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SOUTHEAST CONVENTION FINANCIAL STATEMENT

January 1 - December 31, 1964

RECEIPTS:		
Budgeted Receipts:		
Board for Homeland Ministries Subsidy	$ 4,833.00	
Miscellaneous	2,782.16	7,615.16
Our Christian World Mission Receipts:		
Central Alabama Association	1,112.50	
East Alabama Association	7,830.51	
North Alabama Association	3,253.57	
South Alabama-N. W. Florida Association	440.88	
Georgia-South Carolina Conference	11,765.23	
Kentucky-Tennessee Conference	7,546.09	
Other	125.00	32,075.78
Total Budgeted Receipts		39,688.94
Unbudgeted Receipts:		
Board for Homeland Ministries (Church Aid, etc.)	17,937.50	
For Christian Higher Education Fund	516.70	
For Southern Union College	1,608.41	
For Family Thank Offering	1,479.58	
Miscellaneous	4,533.10	
Total Unbudgeted Receipts		26,075.29
TOTAL RECEIPTS		65,764.23
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Budgeted Disbursements:		
Salaries and Annuities	12,303.00	
Office (Rent, Equipment, etc.)	1,018.91	
Supplies and Materials	1,298.44	
The Southeast News	1,283.19	
Organization (Board, Committees, etc.)	1,349.53	
Travel (Superintendent, Special)	5,025.81	
Parsonage (Note, Insurance, Maintenance)	2,043.42	
Miscellaneous	1,979.93	
Church Aid	6,360.86	
National Boards and Agencies	8,018.45	
Total Budgeted Disbursements		40,681.54
Unbudgeted Disbursements:		
To Churches, etc. from Board for Homeland Ministries	18,262.39	
Christian Higher Education Fund (National)	516.70	
Southern Union College	1,653.41	
Family Thank Offering (to National Boards)	918.75	
Miscellaneous	2,847.00	
Total Unbudgeted Disbursements		24,193.25
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		64,879.79

RECAPITULATION

Total Receipts 1965	65,764.23	
Total Disbursements	64,879.79	
Balance	+ 884.44	
Beginning Balance 1963		
Restricted	2,928.27	
Regular	1,327.85	
Total		4,256.12

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RECAPITULATION -- Continued:

Balance December 31, 1964		
Restricted	3,204.07	
Regular	2,590.57	
TOTAL		5,794.64

Respectfully submitted,

W. J. Strickland, Treasurer

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SOUTHEAST CONVENTION BUDGET FOR 1965

DISBURSEMENTS		
ASMINISTRATION		
(Salaries, Annuities, etc.)	$ 12,889.00	$ 12,889.00
OFFICE		
Rent	500.00	
Telephone and Telegraph	480.00	
Miscellaneous	795.00	1,775.00
PROMOTION		
Supplies and Materials	1,600.00	
The Southeast News	1,400.00	3,000.00
ORGANIZATION		
(Board of Directors, Committees, etc.	1,200.00	1,200.00
TRAVEL		
Superintendent (includes car payments)	2,900.00	
Special Travel	1,000.00	3,900.00
PARSONAGE		
Principal	1,000.00	
Interest on Loan	90.00	
Maintenance and Insurance	600.00	1,690.00
MISCELLANEOUS	998.00	998.00
CHURCH AID AND MISSION WORK	7,500.00	7,500.00
NATIONAL BOARDS AND AGENCIES	9,573.00	9,573.00
TOTAL	$ 42,525.00	$ 42,525.00

RECEIPTS	
Board for Homeland Ministries Regular Subsidy	$ 2,833.00
Our Christian World Mission (from churches)	38,292.00
Southeast News Subscriptions	400.00
Miscellaneous	1,000.00
	$ 42,525.00

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REPORT OF THE MODERATOR

It has been a wonderful experience for me to serve as Moderator of the Southeast Convention for the past year. I want to thank each of you for making it possible for me to serve in this capacity. We so often emphasize the responsibilities of positions in the service of the church and overlook the benefits of these positions. One of the benefits for me has been to see more clearly the efficient way in which the Convention operates. I have always had deep respect and admiration for our Superintendent, but since serving with him I am amazed at the accomplishments he makes under a tremendous work load and in such a variety of circumstances. Also, the tireless work of our Convention secretary, Mrs. McCord, cannot go unnoticed.

It is not often that opportunity knocks twice, but this is the case for us in the Southeast Convention. Last year we defeated by a small margin the proposal to form a United Church Conference in the Southeast area. This year at our annual meeting we will have the opportunity to again consider this proposal. The Board of Directors of the Convention has recommended approval of this proposal, and every person in the Convention has had the opportunity to study for a year just what is involved in the realignment proposal. If this proposal is approved at the annual meeting, then I personally believe we will have a successful year and we will have a bright future in the service of Christ in this area. If the proposal is defeated, not only will I be disappointed, but many people's faith in the ability of the Convention to be a relevant organization for the service of Christ will be severely shaken.

I have attended several meetings which go along with being Moderator and feel that the Convention has moved ahead during this year, maybe in spite of the inadequacies of the Moderator. I have every confidence in the future of the Convention because I have confidence in the Christian commitment of the people who compose the Convention. For that reason, your commitment to Christ and the Christian Way, I look forward with eagerness to the approval of the realignment proposal and the establishment of a United Church Conference in the Southeast.

Respectfully submitted,

Harold C. Henderson, Moderator

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EVANGELISM

During the past year the churches of the convention received a total of 506 persons into their membership. Of these 232 were by confession of faith and 374 were by transfer of membership from another church.

At the same time the churches lost 681 members by transfer, death and other causes. This means that there was a net loss of 175 members for the year.

The reported membership of the 105 churches of the convention now stands at 8,379. The number of churches and the total membership has been steadily declining for a number of years.

The 1954 Year Book reported a total of 119 churches with a membership of 9,682.

Report of Committee on Evangelism -- Continued:

These figures clearly indicate two major concerns.

First, because of population trends and because the majority of the churches of the convention are located in small towns and rural areas, it is obvious that some of the presently existing churches will not be able to survive. Therefore, we must be concerned to start more new congregations in centers of population in the southeast.

Second, even though population trends indicate many churches located in small towns and rural areas can expect to lose members, the fact still remains that in most of our communities there are people who still are unchurched. Therefore, our churches must be alert to their evangelical opportunities.

Too often we end up debating the methods we should use to win members rather than concentrating on the task itself. In this regard certain things should be obvious. If your church is gaining in membership through the evangelistic program it uses, it should be concerned to improve the program, but it certainly shouldn't simply drop it. However, if your church is not gaining in membership, it should examine its program and determine how to do a more effective job.

Your Committee on Evangelism stands ready to help the churches. It can provide helpful literature and guides and find the answers to your questions. Please call on us.

Respectfully submitted,

L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman

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REPORT ON THE CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN FOUNDATION

The Congregational Christian Foundation is affiliated with the Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville, Tennessee.

In the early days of our church fellowship we had a Seminary in Atlanta but when it became an economic hardship to support our own institution in the late 1920's we moved to Nashville.

The Foundation has every reason to be proud of its record. Many of our ministers in the Southeast and, indeed, in all parts of the United States, were given financial assistance as divinity students doing graduate work at Vanderbilt.

At present serious consideration is being given to the matter of enlistment and preparation of the future ministers in the Southeast. It is possible that new approaches to this important aspect of our ministerial program may have to be considered. In the meantime, the Congregational Foundation needs your support. Those of us most involved wish to express appreciation to all of you through the years who have rendered support for the training of our ministers.

Respectfully submitted,

Arnold Slater, Chairman

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY AND CHURCHES

The Convocation of United Church ministers was held at the Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Georgia, November 30th - December 2nd, 1964, with Dr. Harold H. Wilke, Director of the United Church Council for Church and Ministry, as the main leader. Dr. Homer C. McEwen, pastor of First Congregational Church, Atlanta, and a member of the faculty of the Center, gave a series of lectures on some of the leading theologians and their influence in our present day. The evenings were devoted to informal programs, folk songs, a presentation of some of Dr. McEwen's poetry, and evening worship.

Dr. Harold H. Wilke returned to the area in February to direct a consultation on the program and services of the Council for Church and Ministry. He was joined by two others of the staff, Rev. George Nishimoto, Church Vocations Secretary, and Rev. Leon A. Dickinson, Chaplains' Secretary. Matters pertaining to the training of ministers, financial assistance to ministerial students, ordination, transfer of ministerial standing, ministerial placement and other items were discussed.

The consultation was attended by representatives of the Florida Conference, the South Central Conference, the Southern Synod, the Convention of the South, the Southern Convention and the Southeast Convention.

Representing the Southeast Convention were, in addition to your chairman and Superintendent Lightbourne, Rev. W. Walter Hall, East Alabama; Rev. William R. Winterbottom, Kentucky-Tennessee; and Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, Georgia-South Carolina.

It is planned that this meeting be followed up by more specific recommendations relating to ministerial training, assistance to students, ministerial standards and transfers from one conference to another within the United Church of Christ. More information on this will be forthcoming.

At the present time there are 103 ordained ministers with full standing in the convention. Ninety-five are enrolled in the United Church of Christ and eight have Congregational Christian standing only.

There are six ministers with conference ordination, fifteen Licentiates and one ministerial prospect in Care of Association.

Seven ministers of other denominations and three lay ministers serve churches in the convention. Of the 103 ordained ministers, 56 are serving churches and 17 are retired. Ten are engaged in direct religious work. Eight are in educational work and the remaining 12 are in business and other professions.

This year the following ordained ministers were received into the convention: Henry F. Ackerman, Chaplain, Ft. Benning, Georgia; William A. Charland, Professor, Clark College, Atlanta; Jesse H. Dollar, Pastor-at-Large, East Alabama Association, Roanoke, Alabama; George P. Dominick, Chaplain, Georgian Clinic, Atlanta; Wendell E. Hines, Brookmeade United Church, Nashville, Tenn.; W. Millard Stevens, First Church, Knoxville, Tenn.; John C. Wiley, Interim Pastor, Pleasant Hill, Tenn.

Other new pastors serving a church in the convention are: Dan M. Atkinson, LaGrange College student, Jones Chapel, Woodbury, Georgia; Rev. W. C. Bryant, retired Methodist minister, Russell Woods, Phenix City, Alabama; B. F. Doggett, now licensed by the East Alabama Association and serving Todd Church, Shawmut, Alabama; Esco E. McBay, Methodist ministerial student serving Garden City, Alabama.

During the year Melvin R. Fenner transferred to Florida; Clyde C. Flannery trans-

ferred to the Indiana-Kentucky Conference.

It is with a sense of sorrow that the deaths of the following ministers are reported:

Rev. William W. Elder, retired Naval Chaplain and minister of Concord, Georgia; Rev. William Kendrick Grobel, Professor at the Divinity School of Vanderbilt University; Rev. Ira J. Robinson, pastor of Pyron's Chapel, Baker, Florida and New Effort Church, Bonifay, Florida; Rev. Claude W. Warren, retired minister serving as chaplain of Pilgrim House Retirement Center, LaGrange, Illinois.

The 1965 United Church Minister's Convocation will be held early in December. Details will be announced at a later date. The churches are urged to encourage their ministers to attend and to make it financially possible for them to do so.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Raymond Berry, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Following the resignation of the committee's elected chairman, the Rev. George W. Stowe, I was appointed chairman. We will miss the leadership of Mr. Stowe, who has accepted a church in Florida.

We are fortunate to have the Regional Secretary of the Stewardship Council of the United Church of Christ available to give us counsel and guidance. Rev. Karlton C. Johnson has already proven his willingness and ability to make the mission of the church come alive to each of us that we will better understand just what is meant by the Mission of Christ's Church. We are indebted to him for his assistance.

Stewardship and Missionary Education is a vital part of the total work of the church. How well our churches respond as stewards of His and to the call of Our Christian World Mission will determine in a large measure as to where the church will face up to the challenge of our contemporary world.

"The world in its interests, motivations, satisfactions and energies has pulled away from the Christian center. On the other hand, the church, at least large sectors of it, has closed itself off from the world, although infiltrated by the spirit of the world. Consequently, it is not exercising an influence relative to its strength or the claim it makes for the Gospel."

God is working out His will in the world. He is Lord not only of creation but of history. He calls the church to have done with lesser things and to join Him in engaging the world where the real needs are. These needs spell out the church's unparalleled opportunity for witness and service in the world. It is only as the church answers this call and opportunity that the church itself can be renewed and have a great access of strength for its task.

The present is a time of acute testing and decision for the church, including the United Church of Christ. Unless the church becomes more authentically and speci-

fically the instrument of God's purpose in the world, it may lose its true meaning and power.

In order to fit itself and be equipped for mission, the local church must be challenged to examine and evaluate its present ways to see if they be those of the servant church.

To meet this challenge, the Stewardship Council is planning an EVERY CHURCH VISITATION this Fall. This is not only a challenge to every local church. It is a challenge to every member of our fellowship. A challenge to meet the needs that have been thrust upon us by our revolutionary world. How well the Church meets these needs will be determined by the response you and I give as stewards.

The Conference and Association committees will be called upon to participate in the EVERY CHURCH VISITATION. The plans for the ECV will be given to all the local chairmen. So join with me in seeing that it will be a job well done.

Respectfully submitted,

Charles W. Bell, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SURVEY AND CHURCH AID

The Survey and Church Aid Committee of the Southeast Convention met in the convention office on Monday, January 25, 1965. The Committee discussed the church aid program for 1965 and developed the following schedule of aid for the churches of the convention for 1965. This recommendation was submitted to the Board of Directors and was approved as follows:

	SEC	BHM
NATIONAL PROJECTS		
Robbins Parish		$4,000.00
North Alabama Pastor-at-Large		900.00
JOINT PROJECTS		
Charleston, Circular	$ 500.00	$1,250.00
Huntsville, United	700.00	3,500.00
Montgomery, United	1,300.00	5,000.00
Nashville, Brookmeade	1,000.00	1,000.00
East Alabama Pastor-at-Large	400.00	400.00
CONVENTION PROJECTS		
Caddo, First	240.00	
Brantley, Indian Creek	100.00	
Brantley, Liberty	100.00	
Haleyville, Union Grove	150.00	
Columbus, First	600.00	
TRAVEL AID		
Rev. Homer Barnes	36.00	
Rev. Richard M. Waugh		
UNDESIGNATED	1,274.00	
CONTINGENCY	1,000.00	
TOTAL	$7,500.00	$16,050.00

GRAND TOTAL $23,550.00

Report of Committee on Survey and Church Aid -- Continued:

We are happy to report that our new churches in Montgomery and Huntsville are continuing to make steady progress and are growing. The last report we have for 1964 showed that the Montgomery Church had a membership of 34. The Huntsville Church reported a membership of 78 with a Church School enrollment of 154.

The Survey and Church Aid Committee has been engaged in a survey of a new development some 30 miles south of Atlanta called "Bonanza." This is to be a self-contained city and at this time there seems to be a good possibility that we may be able to secure the first church site in this project. The Chairman of the convention committee and the Superintendent of the Convention visited the project with Rev. Dr. J. Edmund Lippy, Secretary for New Church Development Department of the United Church of Christ. Rev. Lippy expressed enthusiasm for the possibilities in the project. At a later date, Mr. August Burchardt, Secretary, Church Building Department, Division of Church Extension, was able to go with us to "Bonanza" and he also expressed interest in the project on the part of the Church Building Department of the United Church of Christ.

The committee is in the process of preparing a study of the project for presentation to the Board for Homeland Ministries with a request for aid in purchasing property for a new church in "Bonanza."

All members of the convention are urged to notify the Survey and Church Aid Committee of prospective new areas for church extension in your own community.

Prepared for the Committee,

R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman

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REPORT OF THE CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE

As has been the custom in the past, the Christian Education Committee is divided into the following three sub-committees:

LEADERSHIP TRAINING
Mrs. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.
Mrs. Dewey Terry
Mr. Winston Nobles

YOUTH WORK
Rev. William R. Winterbottom, Chairman
Mrs. J. Kermit Harris
Mrs. Paul A. McCallum

SUMMER CAMPS
Mrs. Carl N. Sanford, Chairman
Rev. Annie R. Campbell
Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn

The Leadership Training Committee has primary responsibility for work with the Christian Education Associates, who are available to the churches to help in the training of teachers and to introduce materials and promote the new United Church

Report of the Christian Education Committee -- Continued:

curriculum.

A three-day workshop to study the second year courses of the new curriculum was held for the CEA's last July 8th - 10th at Huntsville, Alabama. Another workshop will be held in the next few months.

The Youth Work Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Southeast Convention Minister of Christian Education on matters relating to the total youth program. The annual meeting of the convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship was held in Chattanooga, Tennessee, March 20th - 21st.

The Summer Camp Committee is charged with the responsibility of planning the camping program for the convention. This year two junior high and two senior high camps will be held.

KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE

June 13th - 19th, Junior High and Senior High Summer Camps, Harrison Bay State Park (about 20 miles northeast of Chattanooga on Highway 58).

GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA/ALABAMA-N. W. FLORIDA

August 1st - 7th, Junior High and Senior High Summer Camps, Laura Walker State Park, Wyacross, Georgia.

The churches are urged to promote and support the summer camp program.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman

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SEC WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP FINANCIAL REPORT - 1964/1965

Bank Balance April 14, 1964		$ 252.23
RECEIPTS:		
Alabama Women's Fellowship State Expense Money		$ 125.50
TOTAL		$ 377.73
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Workshop Expense:		
Miss Dora C. Brackin	$ 7.00	
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.	2.75	
Mrs. Edward M. Brown	2.75	
Office Expense:		
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.	10.00	
Travel Expense:		
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr. (to Elmhurst, Illinois)	116.00	
Service Charge to Bank	.50	
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		$ 139.00
Bank Balance March 15, 1965		$ 238.73

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Claude Pendergrass, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The year 1964-1965 for the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention has been one of "trying our wings" in learning to be mature Christians in a rapidly changing world.

Following the two fine training workshops for lay men and women leaders on convention and state levels, each state decided to train its own leaders in the way best suited to its needs.

Georgia elected to have a Visiting Program in central areas where three or more churches could come together to learn how to use PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES and to become better acquainted.

As a result, two such visitations took place with eight churches meeting in LaGrange and six at Waycross. Both men and women participated in the LaGrange meeting.

Both leaders and participants felt that such meetings were of great value. It is regrettable that distances are so great and time is not available for more of these visits.

Alabama continued to have a summer Retreat, using PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES for study, worship and exploration.

The South Alabama-N. W. Florida Association had an excellent Laity Workshop in the Fall, with six churches participating.

East Alabama held the usual Fall and Spring meetings.

Kentucky-Tennessee held a Laity Workshop in June with both men and women in attendance.

Involvement in what it really means to be a church member in Mission was stimulated by the use of the pamphlet, "Salty Christians." Bible Study has also been emphasized with the sheet, "Did Anybody Bring a Bible?" used as a study guide.

In August a letter went out from the Executive Committee members to all the member churches in the Southeast Convention. This letter was sent to give a message of encouragement to women's groups and to learn something of the progress being made in program planning and training for leadership. As yet only two responses have come in. This emphasizes the great need in our area for a field staff person who can travel from community to community.

In June your President attended the Lay Life and Work Assembly in Elmhurst, Ill., where lay leaders from all 50 states were in attendance. A sentence from the call to this Assembly stays with me. It is this:

> "All of us must recognize our partnership with God in His work of creation, and in the realization of God's purpose for the whole human family."

I want to thank the Women's Fellowship for the opportunity to have served in a small way as your leader. More time needs to be given if we are to meet the challenge.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura M. Askren, President

M I N U T E S

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Men and women, numbering approximately 200, met jointly for a banquet and program in Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, Saturday night, April 24, 1965. Mr. E. Dale Peak, a United Airlines executive from Holladay, Utah and a member of the Board of Directors of the Council for Lay Life and Work of the United Church, and chairman of the committee for the National Churchmen's Fellowship, was the banquet speaker.

Following the banquet the Women's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention was called to order by the President, Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr., and she led in directed prayers.

The reading of the minutes of the 1964 Annual Meeting and the minutes of the 1964 Executive Committee were read and approved.

The Chair requested the Secretary, in the absence of the Treasurer, to present the Treasurer's report. Mimeographed copies of the report were distributed. Georgia had sent in more than $100.00 which was not shown on this report. The Alabama-Northwest Florida Women's Fellowship had sent in $125.50 as their contribution of 25¢ per member for convention Women's Fellowship expenses.

Mrs. Edward M. Brown, Chairman of the Witness Committee, reported fine response to the blank she had recently sent out for information concerning Material Aid and the Family Thank Offering.

In the President's report Mrs. Askren spoke of these new ideas learned at the United Church Assembly at Elmhurst, Illinois:

New Ways of Worship.
The Place the Church Must Play in This Time of Technological Advance.
How to Make Life Purposeful When You No Longer Have Work To Do, Or Do Not Need to Work to Make a Living.

The President's report included mention of the Southern Regional Adult Leadership Workshop under the Council for Lay Life and Work and Christian Education auspices, in which the following from the Southeast Convention participated:

Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr., Miss Dora C. Brackin, Rev. and Mrs. Edward M. Brown, Mrs. Albert Henry, Mr. W. Pressley Ingram, Mrs. John S. Owen.

Mrs. F. C. Lester spoke briefly about the book, "Frozen Assets," and "Program Opportunities for Adults -- 1965/66" and said that she desired to be of service to us in program planning or in other ways.

In the absence of the State Presidents, the Chair asked for volunteers to tell of the work in their areas. Miss Dora Brackin spoke briefly of the Alabama Retreat and the South Alabama-Northwest Florida Workshop. Mrs. Askren told of a successful "Caravan" of leaders to Waycross and LaGrange, where other churches joined in a Workshop session, planned by the Georgia President, Mrs. Carl N. Sanford. A delegate from Crossville, Tennessee, and Miss Miriam Heermans of Pleasant Hill, Tennessee, spoke of the success of their Kentucky-Tennessee Workshop planned by Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht.

In a discussion period, Miss Ellen Hull spoke of the need for more leadership training and workshops; the delegate from Crossville stated they had found "Program Opportunities for Adults" excellent and said, "It seems there is enough

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material in it for ten years." A Lanett, Alabama delegate said their groups met twice each month and that "they had already used each piece in the 'POA' book." Some questions were asked and discussed.

The Nominating Committee, composed of Mrs. Rufus G. Obrecht, Mrs. J. Kermit Harris and Miss Dora Brackin presented the following report for officers for 1965/1967:

President: Mrs. Edward M. Brown
Secretary: Miss Dora C. Brackin
Treasurer: Mrs. Arnold Slater

A motion was made and carried to elect the slate of officers as nominated. A motion was carried that authority be given these officers and the three State Presidents to secure a "President-Elect" and the three chairmen.

Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr. installed the officers. Mrs. Edward M. Brown gave an acceptance speech and gave the closing prayer.

Dora C. Brackin, Secretary

(At the request of the President of the Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Edward M. Brown, the complete list of officers and chairmen is published as follows):

President — Mrs. Edward M. Brown, 499 Emory Circle, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30307

Vice-President: Mrs. A. D. Harry, 1503 First St., Lanett, Ala. 36863

Secretary: Miss Dora C. Brackin, Rt. #1, Headland, Alabama

Treasurer: Mrs. Arnold Slater, 1800 Crestwood Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37415

Spiritual Life Chairman: Miss Frances Exum, Rt. #1, Hampton, Georgia

Missionary Education Chairman: Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, Soddy, Tennessee 37379

Witness Chairman: Mrs. John S. Owen, 121 Lorena Lane, Birmingham, Alabama 35213

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REPORT FROM THE CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The past year has been a significant one for the Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship in several ways.

A periodic "Newsletter" was started last summer and has continued until the present time. Seven issues have been published to date and over three thousand copies have been distributed to the churches of the convention. Many churches of the convention have requested copies of the "Newsletter" for every man in the church. Every church in the convention receives at least two copies of the "Newsletter". Currently, over 600 copies of each issue are mailed to our churches.

The purpose of the "Newsletter" has been to bring timely and challenging articles to the attention of the men of the convention; report on the activities of local

Fellowship groups; keep local groups informed about Convention and National Fellowship activities; advise of program materials that are available; and encourage a favorable vote on realignment at the 1965 Annual Conference.

One new Association-wide Churchmen's Fellowship was established this year. On March 13, 1965, laymen of the Central Association (Alabama) met at the United Congregational Church of Montgomery to organize the Central Association Churchmen's Fellowship. A second meeting is scheduled for May 29th at Mt. Olive Church in Tallassee. Officers will be elected at that time. Association Churchmen's Fellowships presently exist in the East Alabama Association (this group includes some churches in West Georgia), and among the churches of the Kentucky-Tennessee Conference. Association Churchmen's Fellowships should be established in the North and South Alabama Associations and throughout the state of Georgia. It is hoped that these Fellowships can become a reality in 1965.

The importance of the local Churchmen's Fellowship has been emphasized this past year. A questionnaire was sent out in September of 1964 to all churches of the Convention to determine the number of local Fellowships in the various churches. Only fourteen churches replied and, of this number, eight indicated an active Churchmen's Fellowship. This led to the conclusion that our organization on the local level is very weak. More emphasis will be placed on the local Fellowship this year. We are starting the ball rolling by having a panel discussion for the men at the Southeast Convention meeting on the subject, "The Relevance of the Churchmen's Fellowship To Our Local Church Program." A committee will be set up at the Convention meeting to work with local groups seeking to establish local Fellowships.

When elected President of the Convention Churchmen's Fellowship last April, I pledged my full support of realignment of the Convention. Throughout the year I have contacted many people personally on this matter. I have made speeches encouraging a favorable vote. I have written articles in the "Newsletter" pointing out the need for realignment. And I have written letters to laymen and ministers throughout the Convention, urging a favorable vote. Again, in this report, I would like to say to the men of the Convention that we must vote for realignment. To do otherwise is to throw cold water on all our future hopes as a Convention and as a Churchmen's Fellowship. Every convention in the country -- except ours -- has either realigned or has made definite steps toward realignment.

Respectfully submitted,

Millard Fuller, President

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION CHURCHMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The 1965 Annual Meeting of the Churchmen's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches was held in Central Congregational Church, Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday night, April 24th. The President, Millard Fuller, presided and the meeting was opened by prayer given by the Rev. Dr. Everett W. MacNair, of Talladega, Alabama. Mr. J. H. McDaniel, of Central Church, welcomed the group to Atlanta and to Central Congregational Church.

The minutes of the 1964 Annual Meeting and the Treasurer's report were reported by

the Rev. John W. Wilder in the absence of the Secretary/Treasurer, Fred D. Powell. There was $221.53 reported in the treasury. The minutes and the Treasurer's report were approved.

The 1965 Lay Schools of Theology were discussed and approval of up to $100.00 to help defray the expenses of any elected officers who might be able to attend one of the schools during the summer was voted.

There was considerable discussion of the Churchmen's Fellowship providing an award for scholarship purposes to some ministerial student from the Southeast Convention area. A motion that the Fellowship provide scholarship aid to such students was approved. A special appeal would be made to the men of the Southeast Convention in support of this project.

A special offering was received in the amount of $74.25.

The Nominating Committee, composed of the Rev. Edward M. Brown, Rufus G. Obrecht and W. Pressley Ingram, reported nominees for offices as follows:

President: Millard Fuller, Montgomery United Church
Vice-President: Herschel Franks, Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga
Secretary/Treasurer: William R. (Bill) Green, Huntsville United Church

There were no nominations from the floor and the nominees as presented by the committee were elected by unanimous vote.

A panel discussion on the topic "The Relevance of the Churchmen's Fellowship to the Local Church Program" was done by the following panelists:

E. Dale Peak, Holladay, Utah, Chairman of the National Churchmen's Fellowship and also a member of the Council for Lay Life and Work
Rev. Harold D. Long, Minister of First Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama, and member of the Council for Lay Life and Work
Herschel Franks, Chattanooga attorney and member of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennessee

The meeting adjourned with the benediction by the Rev. Albert L. Henry, Minister of Pilgrim Congregational Church, Birmingham, Alabama.

Respectfully submitted,

W. Pressley Ingram, Secretary Pro Tem

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SOUTHEAST CONVENTION PF/YF TREASURER'S REPORT 1964/1965

RECEIPTS:

Balance received from former Treasurer, Mike Cozza		$ 564.52
Dues Received		31.00
		$ 595.52

DISBURSEMENTS:

Youth Forum, 1964	$ 160.00	
Youth Forum Travel Expenses	141.00	
Executive Meeting, December 29, 1964	27.10	
		$ 328.10
Present Balance		$ 267.42

Mike Culpepper, SEC PF/YF Treasurer

REPORT FROM THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION PILGRIM/YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Approximately 200 young people, adult advisors and ministers attended the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship held on Saturday and Sunday, March 20th - 21st, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tenn.

As the President it was my privilege and responsibility to preside over the sessions.

The main address in the morning was given by Mr. Millard Fuller, President of Fuller and Dees Marketing Group, Inc., of Montgomery, Alabama. Mr. Fuller is a member of the United Church, Montgomery, Alabama, a past President of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, and is currently President of the convention's Churchmen's Fellowship. He spoke on the theme "Christianity and Your Vocation."

Lee Harris and I, who attended as representatives of the SEC PF/YF, reported on the Youth Forum of the United Church of Christ, which was held last summer in Washington, D. C.

In the afternoon Rev. Scott S. Libbey, Secretary for the Youth Ministry of the United Church of Christ, addressed the gathering on the convention theme, "The Church -- Relevant or Irrelevant?". Following his challenging speech small groups were formed to discuss the subject.

The banquet on Saturday night was a fine occasion for fellowship and entertainment.

The Rev. Arnold Slater, host pastor, conducted the Communion Service and the Service of Installation for the new officers on Sunday morning.

For the first time in our history there were fraternal delegates from the Convention of the South young people (the Negro Congregational Christian young people) present at the sessions.

The following officers and chairmen were elected:

President:	Lee Harris, Columbus, Ga.
Vice President:	Jane Maddox, Langdale, Alabama
Corresponding Secretary:	Kibby Simmons, Decatur, Georgia
Recording Secretary:	Beverly McAdams, Montgomery, Ala.
Treasurer:	Jeff Carstens, Atlanta, Georgia
Faith Commission Chairman:	Brian Kinch, Chattanooga, Tenn.
Fellowship Commission Chairman:	Mike Dollar, Lanett, Alabama
Action Commission Chairman:	Carolyn Feazel, Birmingham, Ala.

Resepctfully submitted,

Jimmy Lightbourne, President

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1965 ANNUAL MEETING
SOUTHEAST CONVENTION PILGRIM/YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

The 1965 annual meeting of the Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship was held on Saturday and Sunday, March 20th-21st, at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chattanooga, Tennnessee.

Registration began at 9:00 a. m. At 10:00 the delegates and visitors present were led in group singing by Ella Ballard, of Tallassee, Alabama, and Linda Williams, of Columbus, Georgia.

At 10:30 a. m. the meeting was called to order by Jimmy Lightbourne, of Atlanta, Georgia, the President. The Worship Service was conducted by Jane Maddox, of Langdale, Alabama. Mike Cozza, President of the Pilgrim Fellowship of the host church, welcomed the group to Chattanooga. Proper response was made by Lee Harris, of Columbus, Georgia, Vice-President of the SEC PF/YF.

The following fraternal delegates from the young people of the Convention of the South were presented:

Melanie McWilliams, Memphis, Tennessee
Peggy Prater, Memphis, Tennessee
Linda Gaillard, Birmingham, Alabama
Janet Vines, Birmingham, Alabama
Diane Green, Atlanta, Georgia
Eric Saxon, Atlanta, Georgia

It was moved and voted that they be seated as fraternal delegates and be given the privilege of the floor.

The President appointed the following committees:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Ella Jean Ballard
Mike Culpepper
Jimmy Lightbourne, ex officio
Mike Cozza, Chairman

RESOLUTIONS:

Chip DeBlois
David Moncus
Linda Williams, Chairman

PLACE COMMITTEE:

Mike Granish
Kathy Steinhaus
Carolyn Feazel, Chairman

The President then introduced Mr. Millard Fuller, of Montgomery, Alabama, President of Dees and Fuller Company and a former President of the SEC PF/YF, who addressed the group on the subject: "The Christian Challenge of Your Vocation."

Before the noon recess the Rev. Arnold Slater, pastor of Pilgrim Church, Chattanooga, was presented. Mr. Slater announced that a group picture would be taken

at the beginning of the recess and lunch would be served immediately after. Following the prayer by Mr. Slater the meeting was declared recessed.

At 1:30 in the afternoon the meeting was again called to order by the President, Jimmy Lightbourne.

It was moved and voted to approve the minutes of the 1964 annual meeting as mimeographed and circulated.

Mike Culpepper, Treasurer, presented the following financial report:

RECEIPTS:		
Balance received from former Treasurer, Mike Cozza		$ 564.52
Dues Received		31.00
		$ 595.52
DISBURSEMENTS:		
Youth Forum, 1964	$ 160.00	
Youth Forum Travel Expenses	141.00	
Executive Meeting, December 29, 1964	27.10	
		$ 328.10
Present Balance		$ 267.42

It was moved and voted to approve the report of the Treasurer.

Lee Harris, Vice President, reported on the 1964 National Youth Forum held in Washington, D. C. Lee and Jimmy Lightbourne represented the Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship.

It was reported by the Registrations Committee that 21 churches were represented and a total of 200 persons (young people, adult counsellors and ministers) were registered.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Mike Cozza, Chairman:

President	Lee Harris, Columbus, Georgia
Vice President	Jane Maddox, Langdale, Alabama
Corresponding Secretary	Kibby Simmons, Decatur, Georgia
Recording Secretary	Beverly McAdams, Montgomery, Alabama
Treasurer	Jeff Carstens, Atlanta, Georgia
Faith Chairman	Brian Kinch, Chattanooga, Tennessee
Fellowship Chairman	Mike Dollar, Lanett, Alabama
Action Chairman	Carolyn Feazel, Birmingham, Alabama

There being no nominations from the floor it was moved and voted that the report of the committee be received. The election was scheduled for the Sunday morning business session.

Publicity materials concerning the summer camp programs for senior and junior highs were distributed. Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell made additional comments on the plans for the Kentucky-Tennessee area and Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. on the Georgia-Alabama area.

Copies of the present constitution of the organization were distributed. The

President announced that there would be no recommendations to change the constitution at the present time. The annual meeting of the Southeast Convention will be held April 24th-25th. The convention will take action on a plan to form a United Church Conference in this area. If it passes, the SEC PF/YF will then begin plans for a comparable organization to include the young people of all the United Church of Christ churches in the area. Under any circumstances it appears that a meeting of the present organization probably will be needed in 1966.

Professor Kenneth R. Whittemore of the faculty of the University of Chattanooga, and also pastor of the Soddy, Tennessee Congregational Church, then distributed a Questionnaire designed to determine the effectiveness and influence of the young people's program in general. The delegates and visitors completed the comprehensive questionnaire and returned the copies to Professor Whittemore.

The convention then took a 15 minute recess.

The Reverend Scott S. Libbey, Secretary for the Youth Ministry of the United Church of Christ, addressed the convention on its theme: "The Church -- Relevant or Irrelevant?"

Following the keynote address the young people met in eight smaller groups to discuss the stimulating thoughts and questions raised by Mr. Libbey.

At 4:30 p. m. the discussion groups were closed and the young people were assigned to the homes in which they would be entertained overnight.

The annual banquet was held at the Read House Hotel at 7:00 p. m. The local Pilgrim Fellowship group presented an excellent program. Mike Cozza presided. Mr. Floyd Fuller, of the Chattanooga Toastmaster's Club, gave a humorous address. A trio presented a period of folk singing.

The convention was again called to order at 9:00 a. m. on Sunday morning. There being no further nominations for any office, it was moved and voted to cast a unanimous ballot for the nominees presented by the Nominating Committee.

Carolyn Feazel, Chairman, reporting for the Place Committee, recommended that the Executive Board be granted the power to set the time and place of the 1966 annual meeting. It was moved and voted that the recommendation be adopted.

Linda Williams, Chairman, made the following report for the Resolutions Committee:

WHEREAS, the following people have been instrumental in making this convention a most pleasant and rewarding experience for the Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship,

BE IT RESOLVED that this convention extends its appreciation to the following:

(1) The people of Pilgrim Church for their fine hospitality to the 1965 convention;
(2) Our speakers, Reverend Scott S. Libbey, Mr. Millard Fuller, Mr. Floyd Fuller and Reverend Arnold Slater, and the others who participated on the program;
(3) The Southeast Convention Pilgrim/Youth Fellowship officers and chairmen for their work during the year and for the excellent planning for this meeting;
(4) Our adult counsellors for their help and guidance;

Report of the SEC PF/YF Resolutions Committee — Continued:

(5) The delegates from the Convention of the South who participated in our annual meeting this year.

It was moved and voted to adopt the report of the Resolutions Committee.

There being no further business it was moved and voted to adjourn at 10:30 a. m. following the Service of Worship.

The Reverend Arnold Slater conducted the Communion and Installation Service. The Reverend Scott S. Libbey brought the Meditation. Superintendent James H. Lightbourne, Jr. shared in the Communion Service.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Lightbourne, President

A REPORT BY THE PRESIDENT OF SOUTHERN UNION COLLEGE

The fact that our college became a part of the Alabama System of Colleges is well known to most of our friends and former supporters.

The name has not changed nor has the interest and concern for students, regardless of academic ability or financial standing.

The registration at each quarter of this year has far exceeded that of former years, 240 being enrolled for each of the Fall and Winter quarters. The Spring quarter is being registered as this report is written.

The State has made abundant provisions for salaries, building, and utilities. The State has no funds for scholarships, athletics, or any kind of extra-curricular activities. These must be raised as in past years.

A debate team has been organized this year and it has brought deserved recognition to the members, coach and the school. It has won several honors and trophies. Rev. Wayne Boulware is our debate coach.

The Bisons had only a fair year in basketball activities. The baseball, tennis, and golf teams are now hard at work and are looking forward to a good season. The coach of all teams is Mr. William Ragle.

The Southern Union Singers have made less non-college appearances than usual, but under the direction of Miss Catherine Spalding have brought musical joy to all who have heard them.

The chairman of the newly authorized Advisory Board is Mr. Leon Phillips, President of the Bank of Wadley and a member of the former Board of Trustees. There is also to be created a Scholarship Committee of representatives in the various towns which the college serves.

The enrollment for next year looks exceptionally good at this time, Registrar, Mrs. Maxine Jackson, and Recruiter, Mr. John Carmichael, both believing on the basis of the present requests that the figure will exceed 300.

Our thanks are extended to all who have helped in the past and most expecially for those who are continuing their scholarship contributions. Our students are the most important phase of the college work, and many cannot attend college without scholarship aid. With our thanks, we urge you to continue your prayers in behalf of the college, and come to see us whenever you can.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter A. Graham, President

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M I N U T E S

SOUTHEAST CONVENTION CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB ANNUAL MEETING

The meeting was called to order by the Vice-President, Reverend Warner D. Noles, in the absence of the President, Rev. Bill Hodnett, at 10:15 a. m. on Sunday, April 25, 1965.

The minutes of the last meeting, held at Pilgrim Congregational Church, Chatta-

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nooga, Tennessee, April 26, 1964, were read and approved as read.

The Treasurer's report was received and approved as presented. (Copy attached to these minutes).

An explanation of the various expenses listed in the "Treasurer's Report" was called for. The explanation was given by Superintendent Lightbourne and accepted.

It was:

> MOVED AND SECONDED that the "Huntsville (Alabama) Project" be kept open until September 15th. Following the ensuing discussion the motion was carried.

It was:

> MOVED AND SECONDED that the United Church of Christ, Montgomery, Alabama, be the "Project" for the coming year, beginning September 15th. The motion was carried.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by Dr. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., in the absence of the committee Chairman, as follows:

For President:	Rev. Bill A. Hodnett, Lanett, Alabama
For Vice_President:	Rev. Warner D. Noles, Phenix City, Alabama
For Secretary:	Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, Chattanooga, Tennessee
For Treasurer:	Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn, Phenix City, Alabama
For Trustees, Class of 1967:	Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, LaGrange, Georgia (Replacing Rev. George W. Stowe)
For Trustees, Class of 1968:	Mr. Millard Fuller, Montgomery, Alabama
	Rev. W. Walter Hall, Lanett, Alabama
	Rev. William R. Winterbottom, Crossville, Tenn.

There being no nominations from the floor, it was:

> MOVED, SECONDED AND PASSED that the above listed be elected by acclamation.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned upon motion, duly seconded, and passed at 10:40 a. m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rufus G. Obrecht, Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH BUILDERS CLUB

Balance on hand as of November 6, 1964		$ 1010.42
RECEIPTS: 1964 - 1965		
Atlanta, Central	$ 85.00	
Barnesville, Fredonia	50.00	
Birmingham, Pilgrim	15.00	
Chattanooga, Pilgrim	135.00	
Crossville, First	10.00	
Demorest, Federated	10.00	
Headland, Blackwood	20.00	
Huntsville, United	135.00	
Langdale, Congregational Christian	40.00	
Lanett, Congregational Christian	175.00	
Montgomery, United	65.00	
North Alabama Association	20.00	
Phenix City, Russell Woods	80.00	
Pleasant Hill, Community	20.00	
Robbins, Barton Chapel	10.00	
Soddy, First	15.00	
Caddo, Congregational Christian	5.00	
West Point, Bethel	25.00	
Total Receipts		915.00
		$ 1925.42
EXPENSES: 1964 - 1965		
Russell Woods, Phenix City	$ 584.05	
Transportation and Meals	30.00	
Printing	24.00	
Total Expenses		638.05
		$ 1287.37
Interest on Invested Funds		3.69
Balance on hand as of April 23, 1965		$ 1291.06

Warren Blankenhorn, Treasurer

REPORT OF THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE
to the
1965 ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION

Moderator	Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Frederick A. Meyer
Recording Secretary	Miss Ellen Hull
Treasurer	Mr. W. J. Strickland
Board of Directors, Member-at-Large, Class of 1968	Rev. W. Walter Hall

COMMITTEES

Ministry and Churches Dr. William R. Barnhart Rev. Edward A. Driscoll	Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman Dr. W. Millard Stevens Rev. Bill J. Traylor
Survey and Church Aid Mr. H. Paul Beaird Rev. Otto L. Culpepper	Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman Mr. Fred D. Powell Rev. Robert L. Shelton
Evangelism Rev. William A. Charland Dr. Thomas Isbell	Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman Rev. J. Wallace Roberts Rev. Ralph D. Worley
Stewardship and Missionary Education Dr. Jesse H. Dollar Rev. Bill A. Hodnett	Rev. Charles W. Bell, Chairman Rev. Henry Abbott Rev. John C. Wiley
Christian Education and Youth Work Mrs. W. Raymond Berry Mrs. J. Kermit Harris	Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman Mrs. Carl N. Sanford Rev. William R. Winterbottom
Christian Social Action Mr. William R. Green, Jr. Rev. Wendell E. Hines	Rev. Albert Henry, Chairman Professor Harold L. Johnson Rev. Kenneth R. Whittemore
Lay Life and Work The Officers of the Women's Fellowship and the Churchmen's Fellowship (President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer)	Mr. W. Pressley Ingram, Chairman (President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer)

NOTE: In accordance with vote of the 1964 annual meeting the Board of Directors has elected the following as delegates to the 1965 General Synod:
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr., Mr. Millard Fuller, Rev. Harold C. Henderson

Respectfully submitted

Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman
Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.
Miss Elizabeth Jenkins
Rev. Charles W. Bell
Mr. Odell Yancey

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
of
THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION

Moderator	Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Frederick A. Meyer
Recording Secretary	Miss Ellen Hull
Treasurer	Mr. W. J. Strickland
Past Moderator	Rev. Harold C. Henderson
Members-at-Large	
1966	Rev. Annie R. Campbell
1967	Rev. William M. McCullars
1968	Rev. W. Walter Hall
Board for Homeland Ministries	Dr. Purd E. Deitz

Conference and Association Representatives

Central Alabama	Mr. Fred D. Powell Rev. William M. Fulmer
East Alabama	Dr. A. R. Van Cleave Mr. H. Paul Beaird
North Alabama	Rev. Bobby R. Aderholt Mr. John Heaman
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	Rev. Otto L. Culpepper Rev. N. A. Long
Georgia-South Carolina	Rev. L. Floyd Carmack Mr. Warren L. Smith
Kentucky-Tennessee	Rev. Carolyn P. Welch Mrs. Arnold Slater

Committee Chairmen and Fellowship Presidents

Ministry and Churches	Rev. W. Raymond Berry
Survey and Church Aid	Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter
Evangelism	Rev. L. Floyd Carmack
Stewardship and Missionary Education	Rev. Charles W. Bell
Christian Education and Youth Work	Rev. Robert W. Hendrix
Christian Social Action	Rev. Albert L. Henry
Lay Life and Work	Mr. W. Pressley Ingram
Churchmen's Fellowship	Mr. Millard Fuller
Pilgrim Fellowship	Mr. Lee Harris
Women's Fellowship	Mrs. Edward M. Brown

Ex Officio:

Rev. James H. Lightbourne, Jr., Superintendent, Southeast Convention

COMMITTEES
of
THE SOUTHEAST CONVENTION

MINISTRY AND CHURCHES

Rev. W. Raymond Berry, Chairman
Dr. William R. Barnhart
Rev. Edward A. Driscoll

Dr. W. Millard Stevens
Rev. Bill J. Traylor

Central Alabama	Rev. John W. Wilder
East Alabama	Rev. W. Walter Hall
North Alabama	Rev. Guy L. Colbert
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	Rev. N. A. Long
Georgia-South Carolina	Rev. Frederick A. Meyer
Kentucky-Tennessee	

SURVEY AND CHURCH AID

Rev. R. Hugh Lasseter, Chairman
Mr. H. Paul Beaird
Rev. Otto L. Culpepper

Mr. Fred D. Powell
Rev. Robert L. Shelton

Central Alabama	Mrs. Fred D. Powell
East Alabama	Mr. H. Paul Beaird
North Alabama	Rev. Guy L. Colbert
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	Rev. Clarence H. Stewart
Georgia-South Carolina	Rev. Wesley W. Martin
Kentucky-Tennessee	Rev. Arnold Slater

EVANGELISM

Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, Chairman
Rev. William A. Charland
Dr. Thomas Isbell

Rev. J. Wallace Roberts
Rev. Ralph D. Worley

Central Alabama	Rev. Bill J. Traylor
East Alabama	Rev. Bill A. Hodnett
North Alabama	
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	Rev. E. H. Henby
Georgia-South Carolina	Rev. Ralph D. Worley
Kentucky-Tennessee	Rev. Carolyn P. Welch

STEWARDSHIP AND MISSIONARY EDUCATION

Rev. Charles W. Bell, Chairman
Rev. R. Henry Abbott
Dr. Jesse H. Dollar

Rev. Bill A. Hodnett
Rev. John C. Wiley

Central Alabama	Rev. Bill J. Traylor
East Alabama	Rev. Charles W. Bell
North Alabama	Rev. Robert L. Shelton
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	Rev. R. Charlton Lentz
Georgia-South Carolina	Rev. Ralph D. Worley
Kentucky-Tennessee	Rev. William R. Winterbottom

Committees of the Southeast Convention -- Continued:

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND YOUTH WORK

Rev. Robert W. Hendrix, Chairman
Mrs. W. Raymond Berry
Mrs. J. Kermit Harris

Mrs. Carl N. Sanford
Rev. William R. Winterbottom

Central Alabama	Mr. Winston Nobles
East Alabama	Rev. Warren A. Blankenhorn
North Alabama	Mrs. Dewey Terry
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	Mrs. Paul A. McCallum
Georgia-South Carolina	Mrs. Edward L. Askren, Jr.
Kentucky-Tennessee	Rev. Annie R. Campbell

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL ACTION

Rev. Albert L. Henry, Chairman
Mr. William R. Green, Jr.
Rev. Wendell E. Hines

Professor Harold L. Johnson
Rev. Kenneth R. Whittemore

Central Alabama	
East Alabama	
North Alabama	
South Alabama-Northwest Florida	
Georgia-South Carolina	
Kentucky-Tennessee	Mrs. Fred R. Muhleman

LAY LIFE AND WORK

Mr. W. Pressley Ingram, Chairman
Mrs. Edward M. Brown, President, Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship
Mrs. A. D. Harry, Vice President, Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship
Miss Dora C. Brackin, Secretary, Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship
Mrs. Arnold Slater, Treasurer, Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship
Mr. Millard Fuller, President, Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship
Mr. Herschel Franks, Vice President, Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship
Mr. William R. Green, Secretary/Treasurer, Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship

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OFFICERS OF THE CONVENTION AND FELLOWSHIPS

Southeast Convention Officers

Moderator	Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, 310 Green Gorge Road, Signal Mountain, Tenn. 37377
Moderator-Elect	Rev. Frederick A. Meyer, 675 Piedmont Avenue, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30308
Recording Secretary	Miss Ellen Hull, 2217 - 51st Street, Langdale, Alabama
Treasurer	Mr. W. J. Strickland, 235 East Ponce de Leon Avenue, Decatur, Georgia
Past Moderator	Rev. Harold C. Henderson, 3210 Woodley Road, Montgomery, Alabama 36111

Officers of the Convention and Fellowships -- Continued:

Southeast Convention Women's Fellowship

President	Mrs. Edward M. Brown, 499 Emory Circle, N. E. Atlanta, Georgia 30307
Vice President	Mrs. A. D. Harry, 1503 First Street, Lanett, Alabama 36863
Secretary	Miss Dora C. Brackin, Route #1, Headland, Alabama
Treasurer	Mrs. Arnold Slater, 1800 Crestwood Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37415
Spiritual Life Chairman	Miss Frances Exum, Route #1, Hampton, Georgia
Missionary Education Chairman	Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, Soddy, Tennessee 37379
Witness Chairman	Mrs. John S. Owen, 121 Lorena Lane, Birmingham, Alabama 35213

Southeast Convention Churchmen's Fellowship

President	Mr. Millard Fuller, 2322 College Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106
Vice President	Mr. Herschel Franks, 1228 Mari-Jon Drive, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37421
Secretary/Treasurer	Mr. William R. Green, Jr., 8907 Camille Drive, S. E., Huntsville, Ala. 35802

Southeast Convention Pilgrim Fellowship

President	Lee Harris, 2665 Dalewood Drive, Columbus, Georgia
Vice President	Miss Jane Maddox, 2504 - 55th Street, Langdale, Alabama
Corresponding Secretary	Miss Kibby Simmons, 2127 Spring Creek Road, Decatur, Georgia
Recording Secretary	Miss Beverly McAdams, 3944 Oak Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36105
Treasurer	Jeff Carstens, 2394 Lively Trail, N. E., Atlanta, Georgia 30329
Faith Commission Chairman	Brian Kinch, 3314 Windsor Court, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37411
Fellowship Commission Chairman	Mike Dollar, Lanett, Alabama 36863
Action Commission Chairman	Miss Carolyn Feazel, 3753 Forest Run Road, Birmingham, Alabama 35223

Southeast Convention Church Builders Club

President	Rev. Bill A. Hodnett, 822 South 11th Street, Lanett, Alabama 36863
Vice President	Rev. Warner D. Noles, 1608 14th Court, Phenix City, Ala. 36867
Secretary	Mr. Rufus G. Obrecht, 310 Green Gorge Road, Signal Mountain, Tenn.
Treasurer	Rev. Warren Blankenhorn, Post Office Box 773, Phenix City, Ala. 36867

Southeast Convention Church Builders Club — Continued:

Trustees of the Church Builders Club

Class of 1966	Mr. Grover C. Dick, 3032 Ashley Avenue, Montgomery, Alabama 36109
	Mr. J. F. Stinecipher, 1311 Sharon Circle, Chattanooga, Tenn. 37405
	Rev. H. Yancey Sears, Route #2, Pearson, Georgia
Class of 1967	Rev. L. Floyd Carmack, 303 Dallis Street, LaGrange, Georgia 30340
	Rev. Charles W. Bell, 530 Handley Avenue, Roanoke, Alabama 36274
	Mr. Fred D. Powell, Route #1, Tallassee, Alabama 36978
Class of 1968	Mr. Millard Fuller, 2322 College Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36106
	Rev. W. Walter Hall, 806 South Tenth Street, Lanett, Alabama 36863
	Rev. William R. Winterbottom, Post Office Box 475, Crossville, Tenn. 38555

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THE CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS
of the
SOUTHEAST CONVENTION OF CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHURCHES, INC.

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of this fellowship shall be: The Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, Inc.

ARTICLE II. BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP

The Congregational Christian and United Church of Christ Churches of this Convention, united through the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, finding in the Bible the supreme rules of faith and life, but recognizing that there is wide room for differences of interpretation among Christians, do confidently declare our Fellowship to be based upon the acceptance of Christianity as primarily The Way of Life and not upon uniformity of theological opinion or any uniform practice of ordinances.

Following Congregational Christian and United Church of Christ principles, this Convention shall advise and counsel the churches when requested, but it is recognized that each church has the right of self-determination in all matters.

We humbly depend, as did our fathers, on the continued guidance of the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth, enabling us to walk in the ways of the Lord, made known and to be made known to us.

ARTICLE III. PURPOSE

The purpose of this convention is to promote the Kingdom of God, and to that end it shall have a general concern for all the enterprises of the denomination in Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, Northwest Florida and Mississippi.

It shall seek to serve and strengthen the churches, associations and conferences within the Convention area by coordinating the promotional activities, stimulating fellowship, program and procedures, and by raising and expending funds in pursuance of its objectives.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERSHIP

In accordance with the custom that the standing of churches and ministers shall be vested in local associations and conferences, which shall ascertain and certify to their character, faith and other qualifications, this Convention shall consist of:

Section I.

Such churches and ministers as are duly accredited members of associations or conferences of Congregational Christian and/or United Church of Christ Churches, organized within the limits of the Convention.

All ministers in regular standing shall be members and entitled to vote.

Each church shall be entitled to three delegates voting at the annual Convention meeting, preferably one each from the Laymen's Fellowship, the Women's Fellowship and the Pilgrim Fellowship. Churches having a membership of over 100 shall be entitled to one additional voting delegate for each additional 100 mem-

bers or major fraction thereof.

Officers and committee members of the General Council, the General Synod and National Boards resident within the limits of the Convention shall be corresponding members. The Convention, when convened, may elect such other corresponding members as it may desire. Duly elected officers of the Convention and the members of the Board of Directors shall be considered delegates-at-large to the Convention meetings.

ARTICLE V. OFFICERS

The officers of the Convention shall be the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Recording Secretary, Treasurer, and Superintendent.

Section I. Moderator

The Convention shall elect at the annual meeting a Moderator to serve for a term of one year.. He shall begin his service at the close of the annual meeting at which he is elected and will become chairman of the Board of Directors and act as President of the Corporation. The retiring Moderator shall continue as a voting member of the Board of Directors for a period of one year after the expiration of his term of office.

Section 2. Moderator-Elect

The Moderator-Elect shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. He shall preside at all meetings in the absence of the Moderator and shall immediately succeed to the powers and duties of the Moderator in the event of the incapacity of the Moderator to act. He shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Recording Secretary

The Recording Secretary shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year and shall faithfully keep all the records and minutes of the Convention and Board of Directors. The Recording Secretary shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 4. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall be elected at the annual meeting for a term of one year. The Treasurer shall receive and disburse all the funds of the Convention under the direction of the Board of Directors, and make detailed reports of all transactions at each meeting of that Board. He shall prepare and submit complete financial reports as may be required by the Board for Homeland Ministries so long as the Southeast Convention retains its semi-autonomous status under that Board. He shall be duly bonded, and the Board of Directors shall provide him with the needed clerical assistance. The Treasurer shall be a voting member of the Board of Directors.

Section 5. Superintendent

The Superintendent shall be nominated by the Board of Directors and elected by the Convention for an indefinite term.

The Superintendent shall have general oversight of the churches. It shall be his duty to become informed about the various phases of the Convention work and the denomination so that his service will be most fruitful in the service of the Convention program. He shall seek to promote and coordinate the work of the Con-

vention, its Boards and Committees, under the direction of the Board of Directors, so that each phase of the work is properly emphasized. He shall visit and assist the pastors, churches, and associations with fraternal counsel but shall have no authority over them other than that agreed upon by majority vote of a church in specific situations of emergency. As the executive of the Convention, he shall represent the Convention in denominational and inter-denominational meetings. He shall make regular reports of his work to the Board of Directors, of which he shall be an ex officio member, and at the annual Convention sessions. He shall also serve as Secretary of the Corporation with the powers and duties which usually pertain to such an office.

The Superintendent shall serve as Registrar of the Convention and shall be responsible for gathering the statistics of the Convention for the Year Book and keep an accurate listing of all churches and ministers of the Convention.

Section 6. Staff

The field staff of the Convention shall consist of the Superintendent, as hereinbefore provided, an Associate Superintendent, and a Director of Christian Education, who shall perform the services pertaining to their office and such other duties as may be assigned to them by the Board of Directors. They shall be ex officio members of the Board of Directors and shall make regular reports to the Board at the annual meeting of the Convention.

The Convention Board of Directors shall also employ such office personnel as may be needed and as funds will permit.

ARTICLE VI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The governing body of the corporation shall be the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches, which shall be elected by the Convention to act for the Convention between meetings and to execute the objects and trusts which shall be committed to it by the Convention.

It shall be composed of the Convention Moderator, who shall act as chairman, the Moderator-Elect, and the other members as hereinbefore provided. The Convention shall also elect at each annual meeting a member-at-large to serve for a term of three years. Other members shall include the duly elected Moderator and one other representative of each of the associations and conferences of the Convention, and the Presidents of the auxiliary organizations. The chairmen of the Standing Committees of the Convention shall also be voting members of the Board. The Moderators shall serve concurrently with their term of office as Moderator, and the other representatives shall be elected for a term of one year. While the Southeast Convention continues as a semi-autonomous body under the Board for Homeland Ministries, that body shall have the right to appoint a national staff person to serve as a voting member of the Board of Directors.

The Board of Directors, under the direction of the Convention and with the approval of the Board for Homeland Ministries of the Congregational Christian Churches, shall receive and disburse all funds of the Convention. It shall set up committees to carry on its work as needed, and shall seek in every proper way to increase the interest of the churches in the work of the Convention and of the missionary organizations and enterprises affiliated with the Board for Homeland Ministries and the General Council of Congregational Christian Churches.

In the event of a vacancy in any elected office, the Board of Directors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term unless otherwise provided for herein.

The Board shall meet at least twice a year at a time and place of their mutual agreement. Special meetings may be called by the Moderator or upon the written request of five voting members. Seven voting members shall constitute a quorum for any meeting of the Board.

ARTICLE VII. STANDING COMMITTEES

The five standing committees of the Convention shall be elected as prescribed in the By-Laws and be known as:

1) The Committee on Ministry and Churches: It shall be the duty of this committee to initiate, plan and promote Convention-wide Convocations, Retreats, and Conferences for ministers; suggest procedures and standards relative to ordination and licensure; develop and administer Courses of Study for the training of lay preachers; advance a program of recruitment for Christian Service; and assist the Superintendent in matters of ministerial placement and pastor-church relationships.

It shall survey the needs of and promote the aid of retired and disabled ministers and their dependents in cooperation with the Division of Ministerial Relief, and shall endeavor to enroll all eligible ministers in the Annuity Fund of our fellowship.

2) The Survey and Church Aid Committee: It shall be the duty of this committee to investigate, initiate and advance new church projects; maintain a consulting relationship with all churches receiving missionary aid from the Board for Homeland Ministries or the Convention; and to make recommendations to the Board of Directors concerning the amount and type of aid to be granted.

3) The Committee on Evangelism: This committee shall seek to promote the acceptance and use of sound practices and techniques of Evangelism and Devotional Life.

4) The Committee on Stewardship and Missionary Education: This committee shall promote effective training in Stewardship and make available to the churches educational helps and information. It shall make an annual Every Church Canvass seeking pledges to the various denominational benevolent projects and causes.

5) The Committee on Christian Education and Youth Work: This committee shall provide opportunities for leadership training in the field of Christian Education; develop, maintain, and promote the use of an audio-visual library; and be responsible for the Convention-wide summer program of camps and conferences.

ARTICLE VIII. AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

The Laymen's Fellowship, the Women's Fellowship, and the Pilgrim Fellowship shall be considered as auxiliary organizations of the Convention and the duly elected Convention President of each shall become a voting member of the Board of Directors and make annual reports on progress and program to the Convention.

ARTICLE IX. MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

The Convention shall hold its annual meeting at such time and place as may be designated by the vote of the Convention. Special meetings may be called at any time by a vote of the Board of Directors.

Sixty qualified members of the Convention shall constitute a quorum necessary for the transaction of Convention business.

ARTICLE X. AMENDMENTS

This constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote at any annual meeting of the Convention provided written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been sent to all churches and ministers at least six weeks prior to the meeting.

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(This Constitution was adopted May 16 - 17, 1953.
It was amended May 15 - 16, 1954, April 20, 1955,
March 30 - 31, 1957, April 18 - 19, 1959 and
April 24 - 25, 1965)

BY -LAWS

Section I. Rules and Committees of the Board of Directors:

The officers of the Convention, plus three members to be elected by the Board for a term of one year, such election to take place at the first meeting of the Board in the calendar year, shall act as the Executive Committee of the Board. It shall meet on the call of the Moderator and/or Superintendent and act for the Board of Directors ad interim and handle any matters delegated to it.

An executive session of the Board shall be held at each meeting.

The reasonable expenses of the Board attending all meetings shall be paid by the Treasurer when duly certified, including five cents per mile for travel by automobile.

The fiscal year of the Convention shall correspond with the calendar year.

Any member of the Board of Directors or any officer of the Convention moving from the territory which he represents shall forfeit such position.

Any member of the Board of Directors who fails to attend at least one Board meeting for a period of one year shall be relieved of his office and the body he represents be asked to present a new name in nomination.

The program for the Annual Meeting of the Southeast Convention shall be arranged by the Moderator, the Superintendent, the Recording Secretary, the Pastor of the church where the Convention meeting is to be held, and two members to be appointed by the Board of Directors.

At least two months prior to the Annual Meeting of the Convention, the Board shall appoint a Nominating Committee composed of five members who, in consultation with the Moderator and Superintendent, shall prepare the slate of officers for presentation to the Convention in annual session.

At its first meeting of each new fiscal year, the Board shall appoint a Finance Committee of five members which shall have under constant survey the needs of the Convention, its enterprises, and study the requests of the General Council and the National Boards and Committees, and report to the Board of Directors its recommendations for financing the total program. The Finance Committee of the Board, together with the Moderator, the Superintendent, and the Treasurer, shall act as a Budget Committee and, in consultation with the Board for Homeland Ministries and the Standing Committees of the Convention shall draw up a proposed yearly budget to submit to the Board of Directors for their consideration and approval.

The budget as submitted shall record the entire receipts for the previous fiscal year, and estimate the probable receipts for the new fiscal year. The Board of Directors shall then adopt the budget, with such changes as have been approved, as the permanent budget for the current year.

All appropriations in excess of the budget adopted for the year shall be referred to the Finance Committee before final action.

Section 2. Election and Membership of Standing Committees of the Convention:

a. The Standing Committees shall be composed of a chairman and four members nominated by the Nominating Committee and presented to the Annual Meeting of the Convention for election. They shall serve for a term of one year.

b. Conference and Association chairmen of corresponding committees shall serve as voting members of the appropriate Convention committee.

c. The Board of Directors may assign paid staff personnel to serve as advisors to the various committees. Meetings of the committees may be called by the chairman or upon the request of the Moderator and the Superintendent.

Section 3. Amendments:

These By-Laws may be amended by majority vote at any regular meeting of the Board of Directors, providing the proposed amendments are consistent with the provisions of the Constitution.

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